

NEWS RELEASE

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ARTESIA FREEWAY (SR-91) LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES (UPDATE)

BELLFLOWER/CERRITOS – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the following closures for the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane reconstruction and pavement rehabilitation project on the Artesia Freeway (SR-91), from the Orange County line to Paramount Boulevard. The following overnight closures will be in effect, weather permitting, Thursday, December 9, and nightly, Monday, December 13 through Friday, December 17 for placing barriers, pile driving, striping, and pavement replacement. At least one lane will be open to traffic at all times.

Eastbound Route 91:

Thursday, December 9 until Friday, December 10:

- 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. – One lane from I-605 connector to Studebaker Road.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Northbound I-605 connector to eastbound SR-91.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Studebaker Road on-ramp.
- 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Up to two lanes between Pioneer Boulevard off and on-ramps.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Pioneer Boulevard on-ramp.

Westbound Route 91:

Thursday, December 9 until Friday, December 10:

- 11 p.m. until 5 a.m. – One lane from Studebaker Road to I-605 connector.
- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Northbound I-605 connector to westbound SR-91.
- 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. – Up to two lanes between Pioneer Boulevard off and on-ramps.
- 7 a.m. until 6 a.m. – Pioneer Boulevard on-ramp.

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Eastbound Route 91:

Nightly, Monday, December 13 through Thursday, December 16:

- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. – HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed from Downey Avenue to I-605 connector.
- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Northbound and southbound Lakewood Boulevard on-ramps.
- 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. (**DAILY**) and 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Clark Avenue on-ramp.
- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Bellflower Boulevard on and off-ramps.

Friday, December 17 until Saturday, December 18:

- 9 p.m. until 11 a.m. – HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed from Downey Avenue to I-605 connector.
- 9 p.m. until noon – Northbound and southbound Lakewood Boulevard on-ramps.
- 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. (**DAILY**) and 7 p.m. until noon – Clark Avenue on-ramp.
- 8 p.m. until noon – Bellflower Boulevard off-ramp.
- 8 p.m. until 9 a.m. – Bellflower Boulevard on-ramp.

Westbound Route 91:

Nightly, Monday, December 13 through Thursday, December 16:

- 7 p.m. until 5 a.m. – HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes closed from the I-605 connector to Downey Avenue.
- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Northbound and southbound I-605 connectors to westbound SR-91.
- 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. – Bellflower Boulevard on and off-ramps.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Clark Avenue off-ramp.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Lakewood Boulevard off-ramp.
- 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. – Bellflower Boulevard on-ramp. (**DAILY**)

Friday, December 17 until Saturday, December 18:

- 8 p.m. until 9 a.m. – HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes closed from the I-605 connector to Downey Avenue.
- 9 p.m. until noon – Northbound I-605 connector to westbound SR-91.
- 9 p.m. until 8 a.m. – Southbound I-605 connector to westbound SR-91.
- 8 p.m. until 10 a.m. – Bellflower Boulevard on-ramp.

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Westbound Route 91: (Continued)

Friday, December 17 until Saturday, December 18:

- 7 p.m. until noon – Clark Avenue off-ramp.
- 8 p.m. until 9 a.m. - Lakewood Boulevard off-ramp.
- 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. – Bellflower Boulevard on-ramp.(DAILY)

Route 91, one of the most heavily traveled roads in Los Angeles County, was also one of the first freeways to offer HOV lanes. As a result, the asphalt pavement has experienced extensive wear and needs to be replaced. The pavement replacement project will improve safety and mobility for motorists. Also, because of the 20-year longevity of the new pavement materials, the need for future maintenance will be reduced. This project began construction in spring 2003, and the final stage of the HOV portion will be completed in spring 2005.

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